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all kind of Deliberations, and much more so in Publick Assemblies of Legislature; This affectionate Admonition is so just and reasonable, that We beg Leave to assure your Excellency of Our Resolution to have it constantly in View; so as (We hope) not to be interrupted in any Manner whatsoever, especially as We are convinced, that the Interest of the Proprietary and his Tenants is mutual, and that the Support of a Government and the Prosperity of a People have a necessary Dependance on Each Other.

We are so thoroughly perswaded of the Truth of the late horrid Conspiracy of Our Negroes, and the tragical Effects which the Execution of it must have had, that We cannot omit this Publick Opportunity of acknowledging Our just Sense of the vigilant Care and Attention your Excellency on this Occasion manifested, for the Safety and Happiness of this Province in giving proper Directions for an Enquiry, encouraging Discoveries, and ordering Prosecutions against the Accused, by which Means the Ringleader has been brought to Justice, and suffered a condign Punishment; And We should think Ourselves too cool in Our Duties to the Publick Peace, and Welbeing of the Province, if we were not heartily disposed to make any further and better Provision, than at present, for Our common Security as well against rebellious Designs of Negroes, as hostile Attempts of His Majestys Enemies; And was it possible, that Incentives could be wanting to stir us up to take any necessary

p. 7 Steps for Our own Preservation, The Warmth and Zeal of Our Fellow Subjects not only in Great Britain, but in several of his Majestys American Plantations, at this Juncture, must raise in the Breast of Every true Lover of his King and Country, a noble Emulation for Our common Safety, and the just Cause, in which his Majestys Arms are now so gloriously and successfully employed

The Method, which Your Excellency has been pleased to lay before Us in several Parts of Your Speech for considering and judging of whatever may be proposed in Our Publick Consultations, is so earnestly pressed by Your Excellency, and so necessary to a happy Issue of Our Meeting, that We cannot doubt of the Sincerity of your Wishes or Endeavours in promoting the Trade and Prosperity of this Province

Matthew Tilghman Ward Presid^t

Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning with the Addition of Col James Holiday

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock